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## Now is Not the Time to Forget, but to Remember Brownsville

BURY ROOSEVELT AT THE PRIMARIES AND BEAT TAFT AT THE POLLS.

At a meeting of colored bishops and clergymen held recently in the east, they issued a manifesto to the colored voters telling why Roosevelt should be nominated. They flayed president Taft and his "infamous" Southern Negro policy. and referred to Brownsville as Col. Roosevelt's "hasty act." The following editorial, from the pen of William M. Trotter of "Boston Guardian," reflects the sentiment of tens of thousands of Negro voters in the close states.

Referring to the last paragraph of the manifesto, "The Guardian" says:

"We regard this as the most remarkable, if not the most scandalous, document yet. We do not refer to the censure of president Taft. He will have to look to others for any defense. It is the defense and eulogy of ex-president Roosevelt and appeal to give him another nomination for the presidency that is remarkable and scandalous, as well as to seek to defeat the renomination of one objectionable man by another who is the political father of the former.

Theodore Roosevelt left the presidency deservedly a thoroughly disliked and despised man in the eyes of Colored Americans. To seek to thus defeat President Taft, however hostile to our interests, is the height of absurdity and worse. To be sure, President Taft may have gone further than President Roosevelt in outlining color line policies and without excuse, but it was President Roosevelt who inaugurated this Southern policy, this

seeking of Southern white favor at the Colored man's expense, and it was only by adopting this line of policy that Secretary Taft could get the favor and support of President Roosevelt and thus become president. What nonsense to seek to get rid of the apt pupil by bringing back the guilty teacher.

Comparison of Roosevelt and Taft is hair-splitting folly. Roosevelt was such an enemy of justice and liberty for Colored Americans that he ought never to be allowed even to get into the presidential race if colored people can help it. The Brownsville discharge is a blow at the race of such injustice and brutality that its author should be forever opposed by every Colored man. Call it a "hasty" act—why even Secretary Taft, his subordinate, cabled him to withdraw or modify. "Hasty"! Did he not for two long years persist in it, and increase its injustice by denouncing all who appealed to him, by using the whole resources of the government to keep these soldiers from having an equal chance in the hearings? Did he not make as the price of his support of Taft that he should support this outrage? And did he not insist on the political death and ruin of Senator Foraker because he fought for a fair hearing for these soldiers?

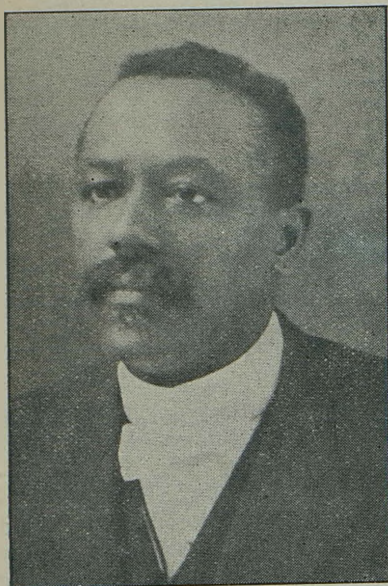
What? Give another presidential nomination to Theodore Roosevelt, who praised the rebel soldiers, who boasted of the fewness of his Southern appointments, who declared the Colored South should

emphasize duties, not rights; who made Southern democrats the patronage receivers; who had Hitchcock and McHarg absolutely disfranchise the Colored men within the Republican party; who now has McHarg, the lily-whiter, getting him Southern delegates; who wrote the Virginian that no one, North or South, had the least idea of enforcing the 14th amendment; who was the author and persistent prosecutor of the Brownsville discharge?

Never! Taft is the logical Republican for the nomination, and should have it unless a good man can beat him. The place for his Colored opponents to down him is at the polls. But the thing to do with Roosevelt is not even to let him have the satisfaction of another nomination. Bury him forever at the primaries. No mercy for the author of Brownsville. Now is not the time to forget, but to remember Brownsville.

The above from "The Guardian" speaks for itself. There is no denying the fact that there are thousands of Negro voters all over the country quietly waiting for an opportunity to fight Roosevelt to a finish. There is no telling what would result from the storm that Col. Roosevelt's nomination would raise. President Taft's Southern Negro policy and his position on the kind of education Negroes should have, will cost him the Negro vote of the close states and what Brownsville would do for Roosevelt is hard to tell.





**REV. J. E. EDWARDS WHO IS  
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SIONS.**

Los Angeles, Cal., March 9th, 1912.  
Hon. J. L. Edmonds,  
Editor, *The Liberator*,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:—

The great A. M. E. Church, which will convene in its 25th quadrennial session at Kansas City in May, will have before it a multitude of candidates, all of whom are worthy and deserving. If the praises being sung by the ravenous writers can be relied upon.

It would be but in keeping with the great progress of the church that the selection of men, for the various offices to be filled, be a matter centering entirely upon their fitness and not a question of geography, policy or popularity.

It seems that every conference and Episcopal District, almost every quarterly conference and presiding elder's district, has one or more favorites for this or that office to be contended for at our approaching General Conference.

The church is fortunate and is to be congratulated upon the fact that she possesses such an array of capable and useful men from which

to select her spiritual and temporal leaders.

This indicates a healthy and prosperous condition. It increases our responsibility to God and humanity.

It is imperative that due care be exercised in the selection of men to leadership in the church of God. Three things are necessary to be considered before a choice for any office should be made:

God's will, the needs of the church and the individuals fitness.

I am just old-fashioned enough to believe that the Holy Ghost should have something to do with the choosing of leaders in the church.

Long before the voting hour the Holy Ghost should say: "Separate for the work whereunto I have called." I believe as firmly in divine call to leadership as I do in a divine call to the ministry.

This being our faith we should not become nervous just previous to an election and place our trust in the uncertain methods of politics. I suggest with all candor and seriousness that a day spent in fasting and prayer would be worth more than 365 days of political wire-pulling.

I have in mind a man whom I believe it would please God to elect as Secretary of Missions. I feel certain the church would be greatly benefitted by such action.

I mention Rev. J. E. Edwards, of the Kansas Conference. He is eminently fitted for the position by education, experience and moral worth. He gives to us the rich scholarship of a Howard University graduate and the accomplishments of a successful pastor in Texas, California and Kansas. His ministry everywhere has been characterized by hard work and splendid results. Should he put the energy and enthusiasm into the missionary work of the church, that he has given to the itineracy, the department will meet with unprecedented success. He is a man capable only of doing his best and he has never failed to push the cause higher. His labors in Denison, Dallas, Galveston and Waco, Texas, established his fame

as a workman, who need not be ashamed.

Two churches were saved from the sheriff's hammer in Dallas, the membership increased and a large Sunday school built up.

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Measuring our favorite by what he has done, under the limitations of the pastorate, we may fairly judge of what may be done by him in the larger field of missions. No mistake will be made should the church honor this noble man of God by elevating him to the office of Secretary of Missions. He is well qualified in every particular and will undoubtedly make good.

I know you to be interested in putting good men to the front and if you can find opportunity to help our friend and brother you will greatly oblige,  
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## ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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Mr. Wm. Vidette, who has been stopping at the Golden West Hotel for the past month, left Saturday morning for Seattle, Washington. Mr. Vidette is a Civil War veteran and has been a resident of Duarte for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdette are recent arrivals from the north and have apartments at 1015 Overton Street.

Mrs. Tomme Carr of 1568 West 36th Place, who has been seriously ill, was removed on Wednesday to the Sister's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Russell have apartments with Mr. and Mrs. S. Rose, 1011 Overton St.

St. Philips Episcopal Church was crowded to the doors on the 24inst. when the Bishop Johnson, of the Episcopal Diocese, confirmed a class of twenty-two candidates.

On Palm Sunday the Church was beautifully decorated with palms and a large congregation was present and received palms at the close of the service.

The Easter seivices on Easter at this church, will be most elaborate and solemn, commencing with a Low Mass at 6 o'clock in the morning.

High Mass and sermon by the Rector, Father Cleghorn, will be at the eleven o'clock service.

The church will be beautifully decorated with cut flowers and green foliage, and, with many candles upon the altar, will present a beautiful sight in honor to him, the Risen Lord.

The Faben Phi Fraternity met in the home of Mr. David Cunningham on Tuesday last and completed the arrangements for their Easter

Monday Ball at Blanchard's Hall.

## MR. CHARLES ELGIN NO MORE

Mr. Charles Elgin, Sr., an old resident of this city, died suddenly of heart failure last Friday. He was highly respected by all who knew him and his funeral services, which took place at his late residence, 1366 East 18th street, on the first, were attended by a large crowd of sorrowing friends. The floral offerings were beautiful. Assisted by Rev. E. W. Kenchin, Rev. C. H. Anderson, his old friend and pastor, pronounced a touching funeral eulogy. Although lying cold in death, in his beautiful casket, Mr. Elgin looked the picture of health.

Besides a host of friends he leaves a widow and four sons and two daughters to mourn his loss.

Interment was made at Evergreen cemetery. A. J. Roberts & Sons, undertakers, had charge.

We extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy.

Rev. Peck's press agent, in his effort to make him (Peck) bishop, is handling facts rather loosely.

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## STOOD UNFLINCHINGLY FOR WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

J. L. Edmonds, Esq., newspaper man and politician, made a short address on the necessity of electing competent men to office. Mr. Edmonds enjoys the unique distinction of having been the only Negro educator in this state to stand unflinchingly in favor of Woman's suffrage. At the end of his discourse, Mr. Edmonds placed his "O. K." on all the Good Government candidates. —Sawtelle Sentinel.

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## A GREAT MASS MEETING

The mass meeting at Blanchard's Hall on the 27th of March, was a great success. A big crowd, representing every precinct of the city and many from the country, turned out. The speeches were powerful arraignment of the narrow, unmanly actions of certain members of the Board of Supervisors in drawing the color line in a public institution. The feelings that that meeting aroused in the minds of the voters will tell

disastrously against the men responsible for that mean attempt to close the door of hope to the young, intelligent Negro women. The effect of that meeting in calling the attention of the voters and lovers of justice to the danger that is threatening their rights will be tremendous. Every person who visited that meeting and heard those speeches came away resolved to fight to the end the authors of that outrage. The man responsible for that un-Christian, un-American attempt to close the door in the face of women on account of the color of their skin, must be voted out of office at the primaries. Thank Heaven, this is not a race question, but one of justice. These men have proven their unfitness to hold public office.

That meeting, composed as it was of men and women of both races, and several nationalities, opened the battle for justice and will win.

## THE MOB'S LESSON

The recent outrage by which a whole court was wiped out in Virginia and three men killed and the shooting and head-smashing of others at Rock Island, Ill., ought to serve as an eye-opener to our white citizens. They have encouraged and defended mobs; they have given them the protection of the courts and in a humorous vein, the daily papers have told of the mob's inhuman, bloody deeds as if they were deeds of heroism. Because the victims were Negroes, courts, court officers and juries perjured themselves to free the mobs that brutally murdered them. As the result of this wholesale perjury by sworn officers of the law, mobs have no respect for laws or courts. Mobs having from experience, regarded the officers of the law as their mainstay when they murdered Negroes, don't propose to be deserted by the said officers, when white men become

victims, hence the annihilation of that Va. court. Floyd Allen killed a Negro and was sentenced to pay a small fine and spend two hours in jail. He got a new trial and was discharged. For assaulting an officer of the law and forcing him to set free a prisoner, he (Allen) was given a year in the penitentiary. It was the attempt to enforce this sentence that lead to the lynching of the court.

Virginia deserves no sympathy. The chickens went home to roost. They also went home to roost at Rock Island, Ill., the other day.

A court that liberates a mob that murders Negroes, will have to discharge them when they murder white men or suffer the consequences. Is it not the mob's conclusions just?

The waves of the sea are moaning tonight,

They role in as heavy as lead;  
With lapping and curling.

With gliding and purling,  
They wail for the souls that are dead.

The waves that have touched the lips that are cold

Rise up from the heart of the deep;  
With curving and groaning,

With folding and moaning,  
They sink in the sands at my feet.  
I mourn with the mourning waters tonight,

My tears are mixed with the sea.  
In the eddies and whirls,

In the twining and swirls  
They mingle and scatter and flee.

My tears on the sands, my sighs on the winds,

Are lost as they flutter and fall.  
With a heart full of sighing,

A voice full of crying,  
I answer the sea's restless call!

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Rev. Dana Bartlett, humanitarian and social settlement worker will also speak. He is giving his life to the cause of humanity. Go and hear these great men and aid a noble cause.

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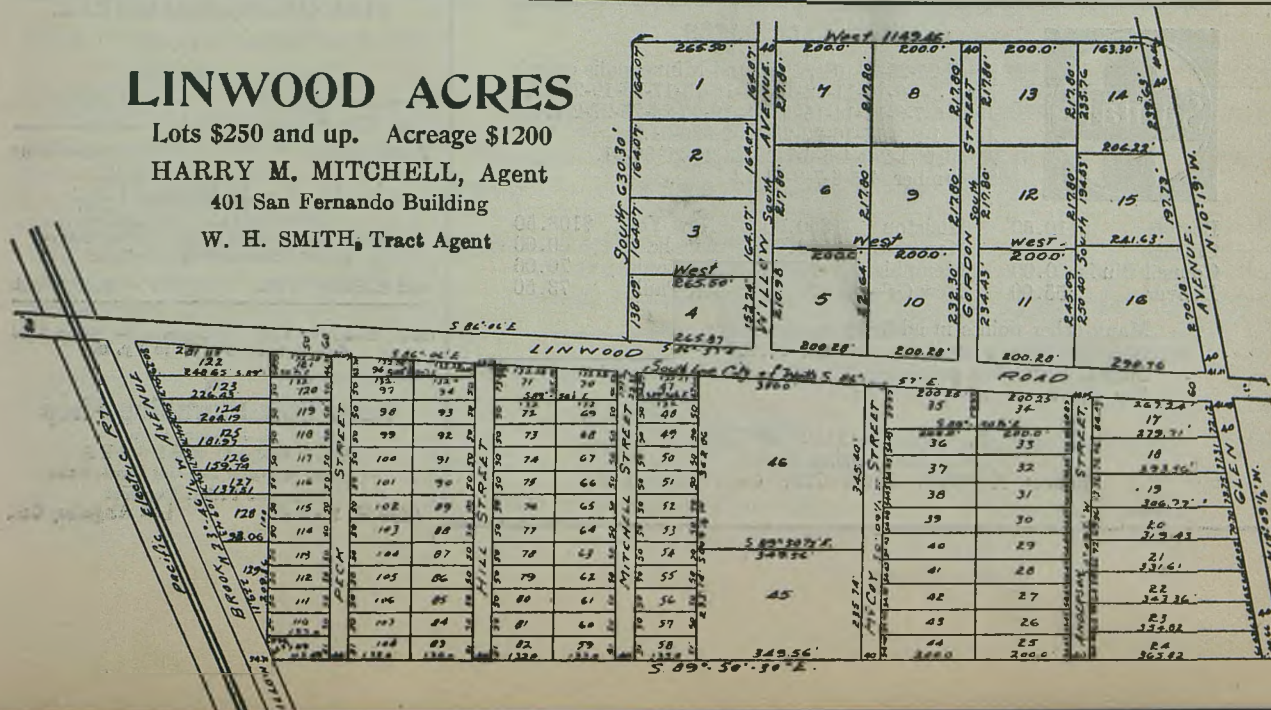
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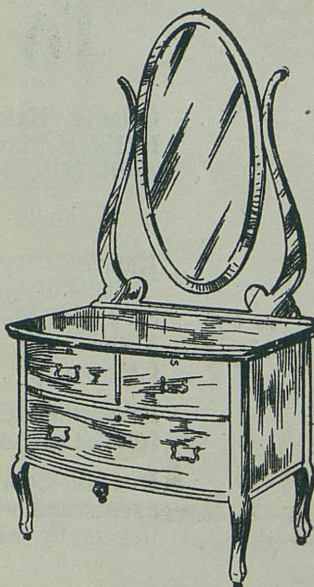
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